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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 1159

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-4
TAGS: PINS EAIR ENRG LA
SUBJECT: SHELL OIL DEPOT IN SAVANNAKHET BLOWN UP

REF: 76 VIENTIANE 2817

1. A RELIABLE AND WELL-INFORMED WESTERN RESIDENT TOLD
EMBOFF AUGUST 11 THAT THREE TANKS CONTAINING AVIATION
FUEL IN THE SHELL OIL SAVANNAKHET DEPOT WERE BLOWN UP
ON THE NIGHT OF AUGUST 9. HE SAID WORD REACHING
VIENTIANE AUGUST 11 ATTRIBUTED THE ATTACK TO "THE ENEMY"
AND REPORTED THAT IT DESTROYED THE ONLY FULL TANKS IN
THE DEPOT LEAVING THE REMAINING TWELVE TANKS UNTOUCHED.
ATTACK WAS WELL-ORGANIZED AND ATTACKERS ELUDED
LPLA GUARDS PROTECTING THE DEPOT. SOURCE ADDED THAT
GASOLINE RAN OUT THROUGH HOLES BLOWN IN TANKS BUT DID
NOT IGNITE.

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2. ALTHOUGH DEPOT BELONGS TO SHELL OIL OF LAOS, THE
AVIATION FUEL LOST FROM THE TANKS WAS THE PROPERTY OF
THE LPLA.

3. A LESS SUCCESSFUL ATTACK WAS MADE ON THE SAME DEPOT
LAST NOVEMBER (REFTEL).

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